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American Numismatic Society  
New York

Gentlemen: - Am very much interested in Numismatics and would like to know where and at what cost I can secure the Monographs you publish upon numismatical subjects. Also would like a list of medals issued and any other general information you may think of interest.

Thanking you in advance for this favor. am

Very truly yours  
Harvey L. Hansen

August 5th, 1922

Harvey L. Hansen, Esq.  
535 Fairmont Avenue  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

In response to your letter of July 30th, I am wondering whether you have ever received an invitation to become a member of our Society. The dues are but Five Dollars annually. Members are entitled to copies of all publications issued throughout the year and have, also, the privilege of subscribing for any medals that may be struck by the Society.

Under separate cover, I am sending you one of our publications, with the medals we have available for your purchase checked off.

If you decide to accept this invitation to become a member, I should be glad to have you fill out the enclosed application card and return to me at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SFM/E  
Enc.

June 27th, 1924

Mr. Harvey L. Hansen  
535 Fairmount Avenue  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Under separate cover, I am sending you for the Library of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, a copy of the Catalogue of the Exhibition of United States and Colonial coins, held in our Museum in 1914. It is illustrated with 39 half-tone plates, depicting many of the Colonial issues as well as patterns and coins from 1794 onward.

You will note that this Exhibition lasted only a month, and as the delivery of the Catalogue was delayed it never reached the attention it deserves, and did not reach those interested in this series unless they attended the Exhibition itself. Many of the pieces are historically important, and the price of One Dollar, for which the book sells, does not cover the cost of its preparation. May I ask you to read this letter to the members of your Society, and ascertain whether any of them desire copies?

I am also enclosing a list of other publications of The American Numismatic Society, in the hope that some of these books may be of interest to your members. Will you please post this where your members will see it?

Will you, also, inform me whether the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has a complete set of the American Journal in its library? If not, we are prepared to offer to complete your file at half-price, or, provided that you do not require certain scarce numbers of Vols.I - VI, will go even further, and, as long as our full files hold out, will complete your set at a maximum cost to you of Fifty Dollars.

These offers are made at this time in order to obtain funds for our library. The proceeds of these publications have been set aside for this purpose by our Council. Your co-operation will thus serve a double purpose, and I shall greatly appreciate anything you may be able to do in our library's behalf.

Very truly yours,

Librarian and Secretary



# PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
MEETS LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 P. M.  
AT 57 SANCHEZ STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

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535 Fairmount Avenue,  
Oakland, California  
August 16, 1924.

Mr. Sydney P. Nee,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Nee:- Many thanks for your letter of June 27th and for the Catalogue for the Library of the Society. Your letter was read at the last meeting of the Society and will be read again at the next meeting this month.

I should have answered sooner, but have been battling with a bad cold for the past few weeks and have been glad to get to bed almost immediately after the days work was over.

Will try to interest the members in the various items mentioned in your letter and shall be glad at all times to cooperate with you and your Society.

With very cordial regards,  
Sincerely Yours,

Harvey L. Hansen,  
Secretary.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

ELECTS FIRST FELLOW

The P.C.N.S. at it's November meeting elected Mr. R.L. Reid, K.C. of Vancouver, B.C. a fellow of the Society. This is the first honor which the Society has bestowed in recognition of Numismatic research.

The letter acquainting Mr. Reid of his election stated that it was in recognition of his scholarly research along the lines of Pacific Coast Numismatics, which resulted in the publication of his book entitled, "The Assay Office and the Proposed Mint at New Westminster."

It further stated that his book was a direct contribution to Pacific Coast Numismatics and history which it is the aim of the Society to foster and disseminate.

Due to the action of the Society in electing fellows, the membership is now divided as follows:

1. Honorary members.
2. Fellows.
3. Active members.
4. Non-resident members.

Fellows will only be elected for research work and for work of value to the science, as may be determined from time to time by the Society.

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123 Greenbank Ave,  
Piedmont, California  
Apr. 26. 1927

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Noe: — For some time past I have been trying to get together a list of numismatic & medallic societies of the world, with their addresses, as well as the names of their publications. I just happened to think that you had such a list and if it is not too much trouble would greatly appreciate a copy.  
With very best regards

Yours very truly,

Harvey L. Hansen

May 7, 1927

Mr. Harvey L. Hansen,  
123 Greenbank Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of April 26th, I am sending herewith a list of Numismatic Societies and their publications, which I trust will meet your need.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB  
Encl.



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123 Greenbank Avenue  
Piedmont, Cal.  
May 27, 1927

My dear Mr. Noe:— Many thanks for your letter of May the seventh enclosing list of Numismatic Societies & their publications. This list will be of considerable use to me.

With very best regards,  
Very Truly Yours,

*Harvey L. Hansen*

For your information

The California Monthly (Publication of <sup>University of</sup> Calif.  
Alumni Ass'n.) April 1928, quotes as follows:

"The American dollar sign, popularly supposed to be derived from the letters U and S, is instead a lineal descendant of the Spanish abbreviation "ps" for "pesos," according to Dr. Florian Cajori, Professor of the History of Mathematics at the University of California. Dr. Cajori, who spent many years of research work on the question, is regarded as having definitely established the truth of his theory.

"After examining hundreds of early colonial and Mexican manuscripts, Dr. Cajori found all of the theories which have previously attempted to account for the dollar symbol unsound. Manuscripts were examined which had been secured from Mexico City, from New Orleans, from travelers on the Mississippi River and from colonial writers in New York. The manuscript resources of libraries in Washington, Chicago, Madison, St. Louis and Philadelphia were drawn upon."

*Harvey Hansen*  
I.C.N.S.

HARVEY L. HANSEN

NUMISMATIST

SECRETARY PACIFIC COAST  
NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

123 GREENBANK AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
in celebration of its fifteenth anniversary  
cordially invites you and your friends to attend an  
Exhibition of Coins, Medals and Paper Money of the World  
on Sunday, April 27, 1930  
from 12 o'clock noon to 7 o'clock p. m.  
in the English Room, Palace Hotel  
San Francisco, California

April 14th 1930

Harvey L. Hansen, Esq.  
123 Greenbank Avenue  
Piedmont, California

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for the attractive invitation to your Fifteenth Anniversary Exhibition on April 27th. I heartily wish I might be among those present. If it is possible to have word reach Mr. Arthur C. Wyman who has just gone to your city, we shall ask him to represent us.

I hope your Exhibition will attract the attention it deserves, and that there will be a gratifying interest manifested by the attendance of those outside the membership of your Society.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

# CALIFORNIA PACKING CORPORATION

CABLE ADDRESS CALFRUIT

101 CALIFORNIA STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

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April 25, 1930

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Many thanks for your letter of April 14th, stating that if you could reach Mr. Arthur C. Wyman you would have him represent your society at our Exhibition.

On the strength of your letter I wrote an article for the newspapers, stating that Mr. Wyman would represent your society, etc. And here is where the value of the press comes in. Last evening Mr. Wyman was reading the Oakland Tribune, when he saw the notice that he was to represent your society at the Exhibition. He immediately called the Palace Hotel and found out who had made the arrangements, and in that manner got in touch with us.

It certainly was not only a surprise to him, but a surprise to us, and shows that the newspapers get their man.

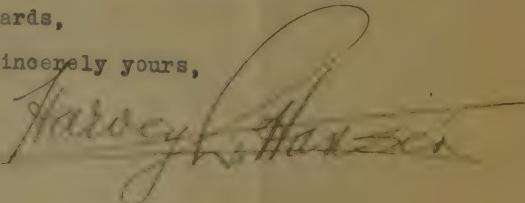
He will be with us on Sunday, and this pleases us greatly. We have also tried to get him to stay for the next meeting on Wednesday, and unless some plans that he now has conflict, we will see him at that time also.

He told me that he had not yet had time to send you his address, and no doubt he will do so immediately.

With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

HLM C



May 5, 1930

Harvey L. Hansen, Esq.  
California Packing Corporation  
101 California Street  
San Francisco

My dear Mr. Hansen:

Your letter of April 25th is at hand. It records another of those strange coincidences which still happen. When I wrote you I was in hopes that we should receive a communication from Mr. Wyman in time to enable us to inform him of your exhibition. This, of course, did not happen, so that your locating of him through the press was more remarkable. I am glad that he has, however, made this connection with your Pacific Coast Club, because I am confident that his being in San Francisco will be made the pleasanter through this association. We have experienced recently that air mail brings San Francisco two days nearer to New York. Please feel that we shall be only too glad to be of service to any numismatist in any way that is possible.

With best wishes for the success of your exhibition,  
I beg to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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SAN FRANCISCO

May 27, 1930

Mr. Sidney E. Noe,  
c/o The American Numismatic Society,  
New York City, N. Y.

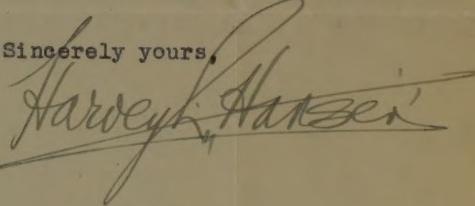
Dear Mr. Noe:

I am inclosing photographs of a coin owned by  
a lady in San Luis Obispo. She is of the impression that  
it is very rare and valuable, and one of our members here  
who specializes in Roman coins is not able to identify it.

If possible would you give me your opinion on  
this coin, its possible worth etc. The party stated that it  
was in bronze but of course it may be tarnished silver that  
looks somewhat like bronze.

Thanking you for this kindness, I remain with  
best regards

Sincerely yours,



HHH:PB

P.S.  
Please return pictures when  
they have served your purpose

June 2, 1930

Harvey L. Hansen, Esq.  
California Packing Corp.  
101 California Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Your letter of May 27th is at hand. I enclose herewith the photographs which accompanied it. The coin is a denarius which usually bears the inscription L.PISO L.F.FRUGI. Because the coin of which you sent a reproduction shows this inscription blundered, and because of what you write about its possibly being bronze, we very much suspect this of being an ancient counterfeit of the denarius of this moneyer. Even if it were genuine, the piece would be worth not more than a dollar, because these issues are fairly common. It is possible it is what is known as a plated piece - one having a copper core covered by a plating of silver, and the appearance of the photograph would seem to confirm this.

I hope this will give you some of the information you desire. It would be difficult to be more specific without seeing the piece.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

CALIFORNIA PACKING CORPORATION

CABLE ADDRESS CALFRUIT

101 CALIFORNIA STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

CALPACK CODE

June 17, 1931.

Mr. Sydney Noe,  
Broadway at 156th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

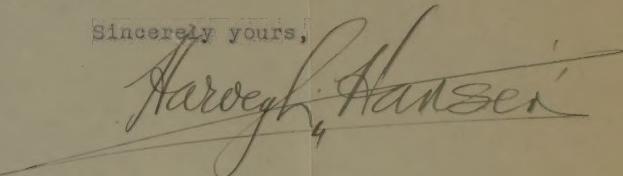
While reading over the minutes of your Society recently, I found that you had shown a film entitled "The Medal Maker."

I am wondering if you could let me know if there would be any possible chance of our getting this film out here on the Coast for our members to see. Of course, I do not know whether this is a private film or whether it is issued by a film exchange.

Anything that you can let me know in this connection will be greatly appreciated because we are always looking for something out here on the Coast that will be of interest to our members and to the general public.

Hoping that you are in the best of good health, and with very best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



HLH:MA

June 22, 1931.

Mr. Harvey L. Hansen  
California Packing Corporation  
101 California Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of June 17th, the film concerning which you ask is controlled by the University Film Foundation, 40 Oxford St. Cambridge, Mass. We have one film for showing In New York, but outside of that the rights are controlled by them. The film is an interesting one and shows rather effectively the various stages in the making of the medal and as such I feel sure that it would interest your people.

Thank you for your kind inquiries and good wishes which I reciprocate. I am glad to find that minutes of our meeting have found at least one reader.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary